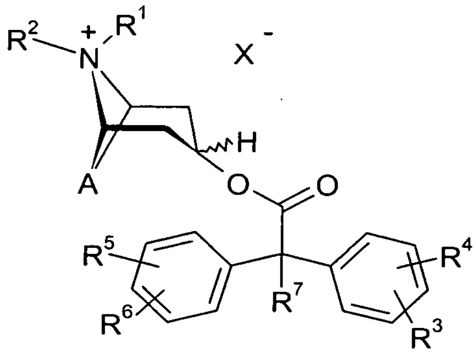
In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), please amend claims 1 to 5, 7, 9, and 11 as follows (the marked up version of the amended claims follows the Remarks).

1. (presently amended) A compound of formula **1**



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wherein:

A is $-CH_2-CH_2-$;

X^- is an anion with a single negative charge;

R^1 and R^2, which are identical or different, are each C_1-C_4-alkyl, which are optionally substituted by hydroxy or halogen;

R^3, R^4, R^5, and R^6, which are identical or different, are each ~~hydrogen,~~ C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkyloxy, hydroxy, CF_3, CN, NO_2, or halogen; and

R^7 is C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkyloxy, C_1-C_4-alkylene-halogen, halogen-C_1-C_4-alkyloxy, C_1-C_4-alkylene-OH, CF_3, -C_1-C_4-alkylene- C_1-C_4-alkyloxy, -O-COC_1-C_4-alkyl, -O-COC_1-C_4-alkyl-halogen, -O-COCF_3, or halogen.

2. (presently amended) The compound of formula **1** according to claim 1, wherein:

X^- is an anion with a single negative charge selected from chloride, bromide, methylsulfate, 4-toluenesulfonate, and methanesulfonate;

R^1 and R^2, which are identical or different, are each a group selected from methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, and isopropyl, which are optionally substituted by hydroxy or fluorine;

R^3, R^4, R^5, and R^6, which are identical or different, are each ~~hydrogen,~~ methyl, ethyl, methyloxy, ethyloxy, hydroxy, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, CN, CF_3, or NO_2; and

R^7 is methyl, ethyl, methyloxy, ethyloxy, $-CH_2-F$, $-CH_2-CH_2-F$, $-O-CH_2-F$, $-O-CH_2-CH_2-F$, $-CH_2-OH$, $-CH_2-CH_2-OH$, CF_3, $-CH_2-OMe$, $-CH_2-CH_2-OMe$, $-CH_2-OEt$, $-CH_2-CH_2-OEt$, -O-COMe, -O-COEt, -O-COCF_3, -O-COCF_3, fluorine, chlorine, or bromine.

3. (presently amended) The compound of formula **1**, according to claim 2, wherein:

X^- is an anion with a single negative charge selected from chloride, bromide, and methanesulfonate;

R^1 and R^2, which are identical or different, are each methyl or ethyl, which are optionally substituted by hydroxy or fluorine;

R^3, R^4, R^5, and R^6, which are identical or different, are each ~~hydrogen,~~ methyl, ethyl, methyloxy, ethyloxy, hydroxy, fluorine, chlorine, or bromine; and

R^7 is methyl, ethyl, methyloxy, ethyloxy, CF_3, or fluorine.

4. (presently amended) The compound of formula **1**, according to claim 3, wherein:

X^- is bromide;

R^1 and R^2, which are identical or different, are each methyl or ethyl;

R^3, R^4, R^5, and R^6, which are identical or different, are each ~~hydrogen,~~ methyl, methyloxy, chlorine, or fluorine; and

R^7 is methyl or fluorine.

5. (presently amended) The compound of formula **1**, according to claim 4, wherein:

X^- is bromide;

R^1 and R^2, which are identical or different, are each methyl or ethyl;

R^3, R^4, R^5, and R^6~~, which are identical or different,~~ ~~denote hydrogen or~~are each fluorine; and

R^7 is methyl or fluorine.

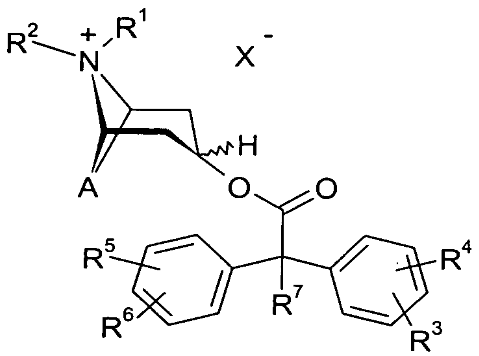
6. (original) A method of treating a disease that is responsive to anticholinergic activity, comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula **1** according to one of claims 1 to 5.

7. (presently amended) ~~A~~The method according to claim 6, wherein the disease is selected from asthma, COPD, vagally induced sinus bradycardia, heart rhythm disorders, spasms in the gastrointestinal tract, spasms in the urinary tract, and menstrual disorders.

8. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more compounds of formula **1** according to one of claims 1 to 5, or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, optionally together with one or more conventional excipients and/or carriers.

9. (presently amended) ~~A~~The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 8, further comprising at least one additional active substance selected from the group consisting of: betamimetics, antiallergic agents, PAF-antagonists, leukotriene-antagonists, and steroids.

10. (original) A process for preparing a compound of formula 1 according to claim 1



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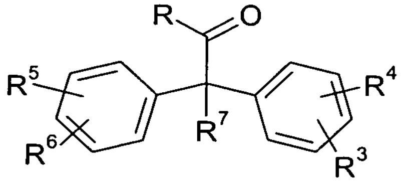
wherein A, X^- and R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, and R^7 have the meanings given in claim 1, characterised in that a compound of formula 3



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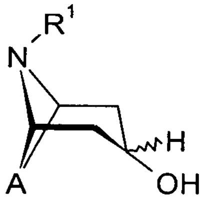
wherein R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, and R^7 have the meanings given in claim 1, and R is chlorine or a C_1-C_4-alkyloxy, is reacted with a compound of formula 2



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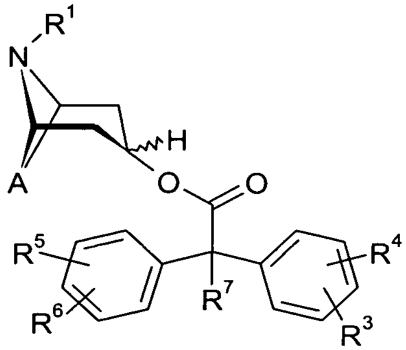
wherein A and R^1 have the meanings given in claim 1, to obtain a compound of formula 4



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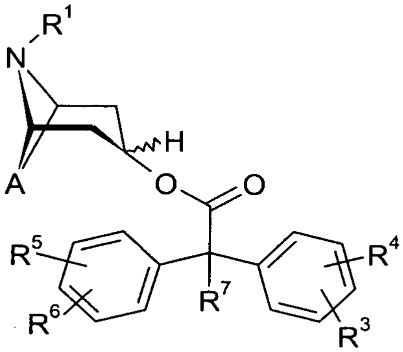
wherein A and R^1, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, and R^7 have the meanings given in claim 1, and the compound of formula **4** is then quaternized by reacting it with a compound R^2-X, wherein R^2 and X have the meanings given in claim 1, to obtain a compound of formula **1**.

11. (presently amended) A compound of formula **4**



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wherein:

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R^3, R^4, R^5, and R^6, which are identical or different, are each ~~hydrogen,~~ C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkyloxy, hydroxy, CF_3, CN, NO_2, or halogen; and

R^7 is C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkyloxy, C_1-C_4-alkylene-halogen, halogen-C_1-C_4-alkyloxy, C_1-C_4-alkylene-OH, CF_3, -C_1-C_4-alkylene- C_1-C_4-alkyloxy, -O-COC$_1$-C_4-alkyl, -O-COC$_1$-C_4-alkyl-halogen, -O-COCF$_3$, or halogen.